

Charlie Brown grew up in Philadelphia, PA. Following the completion of his undergraduate studies at Cheyney State Teachers' College in Cheyney, PA, Charlie relocated to Gary, IN, where he began his lifelong career in public service. After serving as an educator in the Gary Community School Corporation from 1961 to 1968, Charlie took on several new roles within his community. From 1968 to 1988, Charlie served in many capacities in the City of Gary, including: Youth Coordinator, Mayor's Assistant on Youth Activities, Director of the Youth Services Bureau, Affirmative Action Officer and Risk Manager.

In 1988, following many years of service as a public official, Charlie went on to utilize his vast experience and knowledge of health care-related issues by accepting the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Gary Community Mental Health Center. Charlie served in this capacity until 1993. Currently, Charlie serves as a consultant, where he provides guidance to organizations seeking to foster positive interaction between the government and the community.

Though Charlie has always put people first in every position he has held, it is through his efforts as an elected official that he has made an indelible mark on the progress and future in Indiana. First elected to the Indiana General Assembly as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives in 1982, Charlie has always been a true champion of improving health care in Indiana for all residents. As a member of the Indiana State House, Charlie has served on several committees, most notably, the Standing Committee on Public Health. As both a member and Chairman of this crucial committee, Charlie has fought tirelessly to improve health care in Indiana. When it comes to health care, Charlie has always had one goal in mind: To provide affordable, accessible, and high-quality health care for all Indiana citizens.

Throughout his illustrious career, Charlie has been recognized with many distinguished awards by numerous organizations. To name a few, Charlie has received accolades from: the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, Indiana University Northwest, the Alzheimer's Association of Indiana, the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, the Mental Health Association of Indiana, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the Indiana Optometric Association, the Indiana Black Expo, the Calumet Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Though Charlie has received many esteemed honors for his commitment to the residents of Indiana, Charlie's greatest source of pride is his family. Charlie and his wife, Angela Baker Brown, are the proud parents of one daughter, Charlisa L. Scott, and two adoring grandsons, Landon Charles Douglas Scott and Cole Nathaniel Scott.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring State Representative Charlie Brown for his outstanding devotion to his community and to the people of Indiana. His unselfish and lifelong dedication to improving health care for Indiana residents is worthy of the highest commendation. Charlie's selfless-

ness and his commitment to improving lives throughout Indiana serves as an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to call him my friend.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO "LINKAGE HOUSE" ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to take a moment to honor one of my local institutions, Linkage House Home for the Elderly, for 10 years of outstanding service.

Linkage House is the result of a shared vision of four local East Harlem organizations: the Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church, Union Settlement Association, the Community Association of East Harlem Triangle, and Mount Sinai Medical Center. That vision recognized that the ability to stay in one's home—or "aging in place"—is the overwhelming choice of many older Americans. However, to do so, these venerable residents need assistance from informal support systems, access to formal health services & social services, and meaningful, productive roles integrated within an affordable living environment.

Opening in May 1997 at 309 East 118th Street, the institution was the result of nine years of planning and organizing by a number of people. Under the leadership of Dr. Robert Butler and Dr. Gary Rosenberg, funds and technical assistance were found to design and implement the project. Union Settlement, under the leadership at that time of Eugene Sklar, provided invaluable experience in designing and implementing services for older people living in the community. Community activist Petra Allende, Union Settlement Association's Sally Yarmolinsky and Mount Sinai's Glenn Williams—all of them members of the original Linkage House Board and who have unfortunately since passed away—were also vital to making this project a reality.

Today, Linkage House stands as a testament to hard work and commitment of all these men and women. It encourages socialization and shared activities, providing a cross section of comprehensive and integrated services that include an on-site full time social work services coordinator, resident-developed shared living spaces and an on-site physical exercise room that offers aerobics, Tai Chi, and walking programs.

Linkage House is also a laboratory for learning. It is the site for Union Settlement's GED classes, a social work student internship site, and a community based education site for federally funded Geriatric Education Center (GEC) that trains community providers of service to older adults. The "Meet the Doctor" program provides interaction between physicians who are Geriatric Fellows, Internal Medicine residents, and older adults. Medical student studies and surveys of the use of complementary and alternative medicine by older adults are also conducted here.

That is why I am more than happy to congratulate Linkage House Home for the Elderly

on their 10th Anniversary. Their tireless commitment and resilient efforts on behalf of our senior citizens is a model that we can all follow not just in East Harlem, but around the nation.

#### HONORING ARTHUR (ART) B. MODELL

#### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Arthur (Art) B. Modell, longtime franchise owner in the National Football League (NFL) and humanitarian. Art Modell was born on June 23, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York. His father died when he was 15, and Art dropped out of high school to work and help support his family. He completed high school by attending night classes and later joined the Air Force and fought in World War II. After the war, Art built a successful career in advertising and television production in New York City.

In 1961, he purchased the Cleveland Browns, a National Football League team. Modell was not a traditional owner in the National Football League. He believed that the owner should play an active role in the everyday affairs of the team. Modell succeeded in creating a strong team. The team won the NFL championship in 1964 and four division titles between 1965 and 1969.

At the end of the 1995 season, Modell surprised the city of Cleveland and excited fans in Maryland when he moved his team to Baltimore, Maryland. The city of Cleveland retained the rights to the Browns' name, and Modell renamed his organization the Baltimore Ravens. The move brought an NFL team back to Baltimore for the first time in 12 years since the Colts left for Indianapolis in the middle of the night, and in 2000, a Super Bowl victory for the Ravens. During his 46 years in the NFL, Art was the leader of the NFL's television negotiations and was an early advocate of the league's revenue sharing policy.

Art Modell is almost as famous for his humanitarian contributions off the football field as he is for his role on the field. Art and his family have made donations to Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore Museum of Art, House of Ruth, Hospice of Baltimore, Ed Block Courage House at St. Vincent's and the recent restoration of the Basilica of the Assumption, all in Baltimore and surrounding areas. He currently chairs a \$100 million fund drive that will help build a new cardiovascular tower for the Heart Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and with his wife Pat contributed \$10 million to the project themselves.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Arthur (Art) B. Modell. His legacy as a pioneer in the National Football League and his lifetime devotion to the sport of professional football are matched only by his support of humanitarian and community foundations. It is with great pride that I congratulate Art Modell on his stellar and exemplary career in professional sports in the United States of America.